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**CLARIFICATION OF AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.312**

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Sir:

In the request filed February 12, 2007, new claim 13 was drafted as an independent claim. However, claim 13 was intended to be dependent on claim 1. That is believed to be the reason why the request was denied by the Office communication dated February 28, 2007.

In this clarification of the request, claim 13 has been redrafted as a dependent claim as originally intended and it is requested that the amendment be approved.